

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 14-19 and 27-32 were cancelled due to this application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 14-19 and 27-32 directed to invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 14-19 and 27-32 have been cancelled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justine R. Yu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4835. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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